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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2002, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks. Included with this response is a Request for an Extension of Time for 3 months under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee.